set up M&E units or the M&E units did not function properly.

(viii) There has been no evaluation of the scheme by the Central Government as well as some States/UT Governments.

(c) The implementing State/UT Governments were requested to furnish their comments on all the relevant paragraphs included in the Audit Report. So far reply from 12 States/UTs. (Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and Goa, Daman and Diu) have been received. The matter is being looked into and vigorously pursued with the cocerned States/UTs. Appropriate action will be taken after receipt of the comments/replies from them.

Development of Pondicherry

2152. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take for the development of Pondicherry in view of the fact that there are no rivers and the people rely on electricity only for bore-wells; and

(b) whether Government propose to make adequate supply of electricity to that far-flung territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Union Territory of Pondicherry does not have its own generation and meets its power requirements by bulk purchase from the neighbouring States. With a view to augment its power supply position, this Union Territory has also been allotted a share in the Central projects *viz.* Neyveli-II Mine Cut Thermal Power Stage-I, Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station and the Madras Atomic Power Project.

C.B.I. raids against high ranking officials

2153. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by CBI on IAS officers and other senior administrative officers, Bank Officers and Officers of Public Undertakings during the last three years;

(b) what facts came to light as a result of these raids;

(c) how many officers have been found guilty of criminal offences;

(d) what action has been taken against these officers; and

(e) the number out of them who had gone in appeal to higher courts during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the years 1983, 1984 and 1985, 253 searches were conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation in the residential/office premises of 178 officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service, Group A officers of the Central Government and officers holding equivalent status in public sector undertakings in connection with the investigation of 174 cases registered by the Cetral Bureau of Investigation on allegations of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income, cheating, forgery, criminal, miconduct etc.

(b) As a result of these raids, movable assets worth Rs. 2.98 crores (approximately) and immovable assets worth Rs. 90 lakhs (approximately) were discovered.

(c) In 39 cases the officers have been found, *prima facie*, guilty of criminal offences and are being prosecuted;

(d) 24 officers were arrested, 58 officers were placed under suspension and in the case of one officer, his property was attached.

(e) One officer has gone in appeal to the Court.

Economic Development of North-Eastern Region

2154. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee of Central Ministers for economic development of the North-Eastern region recently decided that time-bound programmes be drawn up for projects.

(b) whether the Chief Ministers of Meghalaya and Tripura desired that top priority should be given for construction of massive rail-cum-road bridges over Brahmaputra; and

(c) what are the details of the pending major development works in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the course of discussions on the Agenda items, Chief Ministers of Meghalaya and Assam requested for early completion of rail-cum-road bridge over Brahmaputra near Jogighopa. Chief Minister, Assam also requested for the construction of another rail-cum road bridge over Brahmaputra near Dibrugarh.

(c) The following are the major projects which are pending/nearing completion in the region:—

(1) Phase-II (50x2 MW) of Kopili Hydro Electric Project in Assam, likely to be completed during current financial year.

(2) Road-bridge over river Brahmaputra near Tezpur proposed to be completed by July, 87.

(3) Doyang Hydro Electric Project in Nagaland—The Preliminary works have aready been taken up.

(4) North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology in Arunachal Pradesh has already been set up. First course will commence this year.

(5) Ranganadi Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh and Rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra near Jogighopa are other major schemes which are being taken up during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Involvement of a Travel Agency in Illegal Migration and Smuggling Ring

2155. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Delhi-based Travel Agency was responsible for illegal migration and for operating a smuggling ring in North America;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the Travel Agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following two agencies have come to the notice of Delhi Police:—

(i) Afrik Travels, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

(ii) Concord Travels, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

(c) A case u/s 420/468/471/120-B IPC was registered at PS Connaught Place, New Delhi and Afrik Singh and Bhupinder Singh, proprietors of the two agencies, arrested.